

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Applicant:

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For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR ENHANCING  
THE FUEL STORAGE VOLUME AND THE  
CARRIAGE CAPACITY OF EXTERNAL FUEL  
STORES CARRIED BY AN AERIAL VEHICLE

§ Attorney  
§ Docket: 4138/41

Examiner: BONZELL, PHILIP J

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Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, DC 20231

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE COMMUNICATION**

Dear Sir,

This is a response to an office communication mailed December 2, 2008, to which this response is being made before April 2, 2009. Attached is a check for one extension.

**Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.**

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